

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 22-40 submitted on 5/26/09 were examined. Note that the amendments submitted on 5/26/09 were in response to a conversation between the examiner and applicant's representative (see attached interview summary form).

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 22 is allowed for the reasons discussed by applicant in the remarks submitted on 4/27/09. The prior art does not appear to teach the combination of limitations currently recited in claim 22. Claims 32 and 38 recite a combination of limitations substantially similar to what is recited in claim 22 and are allowed for similar reasons. The remaining claims are allowed due to dependency on one of these three claims. Note that as per claim 32, paragraph 29 of the specification discusses the various types of media meant to be used with the present invention. It is submitted that a person skilled in the art having read the specification of the current application and particularly paragraph 29 would not have interpreted "computer readable storage medium" as recited in claim 32 as a signal. Instead, one skilled would have limited "computer readable storage medium" to a diskette, hard drive, or other statutory type media discussed in paragraph 29. As such, the examiner believes that claim 32 encompasses statutory subject matter under 35 USC 101.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PONNOREAY PICH whose telephone number is (571)272-7962. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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